



DRAFT 2020 Annual Report

Veterans Advisory Commission

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Approved by the Veterans Advisory Commission XXXXXXXX

ScottsdaleAZ.gov/boards/veterans-advisory-commission

Number of Meetings Held: 8

Public Comments: 4

Major Topics of Discussion / Action Taken:

- Reviewed the SkillBridge veteran training and employment program and forwarded a recommendation to the City Council to support the program.
- Approved the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan and forwarded it to the City Council for information; the work plan was subsequently updated in light of COVID-19 restrictions.
- Approved a recommendation that the City Council amend the commission's enabling ordinance No. 4398 to expand the scope of the Veterans Advisory Commission to include matters related to active duty military, national guard and reservists, and families of active duty military, national guard and reservists. (This recommendation will be included in future board and commission adjustments to be considered by the City Council).
- Received a presentation about the Wreaths Across America program from the Exchange Club of Scottsdale.
- Received a presentation from the City of Scottsdale Prosecutor's Office about Scottsdale's participation in the East Valley Regional Veterans Court.
- Worked with staff on a communications plan to support the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan.
- Received a presentation about veteran programs within the Scottsdale Police and Fire departments.
- Received a presentation and offered feedback about expanding the veterans information on the city website as part of the commission's communications plan.
- Received a presentation and offered feedback about the city's plans to commemorate Veterans Day in 2020 amid COVID-19 concerns and restrictions.
- Received a presentation about programs and outreach for homeless veterans in Scottsdale.

Current Member Attendance:

Member Name, Title	Present	Absent	Service Dates
Pete Palmer, chair	6	1	October 2019 to present
Denise Pulk, vice chair	6	1	November 2019 to present
Don Ford	3	-	October 2019 to June 2019 (resigned)
Marie Monroe	5	2	October 2019 to present
Mike Ragole	6	1	October 2019 to present
Joel Stempil	7	0	October 2019 to present
Steve Ziomek	4	3	October 2019 to present

*Add note(s), if applicable, stating if they resigned, were term limited, etc. and who they were replaced by

Subcommittees: None

Ethics Training: Yes / Oct. 15, 2019

Selected Officers: Yes – Nov. 13, 2019.

Reviewed Bylaws/City Code: Adopted bylaws Nov. 13, 2019.

Anticipated Key Issues: Connecting veterans in Scottsdale with appropriate information and resources in a restricted COVID-19 environment.

Future Significant Work Products: Continuing updates to the Veterans Advisory Commission work plan.

Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes:

Additional Comments/Recommendations:

If the Board/Commission wishes to add additional comments or recommendation(s) to the City Council, it can go in this section.

Report Approved on: